

Senate Resolution 1098

By: Senators Moody of the 56th, Johnson of the 1st, Unterman of the 45th, Hooks of the 14th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the life of the Honorable Dorothy W. Felton; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, during the course of her remarkable life, Representative Dorothy W. Felton
4 touched countless lives with her generous and loving spirit; and

5 WHEREAS, she was an honest and dedicated woman who strove for excellence in all her
6 endeavors as evidenced dramatically by her many years of superlative service and devotion
7 to the people of Sandy Springs and her hard work as a member of the Georgia General
8 Assembly where she served for 26 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Felton was the first Republican woman elected to the Georgia
10 Legislature and she held office in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1975 until
11 2001; and

12 WHEREAS, living in Sandy Springs since 1966, Representative Felton thought her
13 neighbors needed full-time representation in the legislature, and using education as her
14 springboard to get elected, she then set about authoring the legislation that moved Georgia
15 to elected school boards with appointed school superintendents; and

16 WHEREAS, she and many of her constituents were frustrated that Sandy Springs paid
17 millions of dollars in county taxes each year, much more than they received in services,
18 making her the champion for the incorporation of Sandy Springs, and finally five years after
19 her retirement from the legislature a bill passed making Sandy Springs a city; and

20 WHEREAS, this beloved and extraordinary woman exhibited devotion to duty, outstanding
21 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all her endeavors throughout her
22 life; and

1 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
2 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

3 WHEREAS, her unparalleled organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience
4 and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens
5 of her community and state earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and
6 associates.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
8 recognize and honor the life of the Honorable Dorothy W. Felton and express their deepest
9 and most sincere condolences to her family, colleagues, and friends.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Representative Dorothy W.
12 Felton.